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In re Patent Application of Kaori YASUFUKU et al.)

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Application No. 09/643,948) Felix O. FIGUEROA
) Group Art Unit: 2833
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

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Enclosed is a copy of an Official Action received from the Chinese Patent Office for corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 00130971.4 for consideration by the Examiner. As the Examiner will note, no prior art references were cited against the claimed invention.

Further, enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report dated October 18, 2004, for European Patent Application No. EP 00 11 8667.5, together with the references cited therein for consideration by the Examiner. This application corresponds with U.S. Application Serial No. 643,963, now U.S. Patent No. 6,439,919 issued August 27, 2002.

Additionally, enclosed is a copy of an Official Action received from the Chinese Patent Office for Chinese Patent Application No. 00130968.4, as well as the references cited therein, for consideration by the Examiner. This application corresponds with U.S. Application Serial No. 643,962, now U.S. Patent No. 6,278,610 issued August 21, 2001.

In that each of the above noted Official Actions and cited references were either first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement, or include references which not known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement, it is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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